

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-6 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 4, and 5 being the independent claims. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,418,417 to Corby *et al.* (hereinafter "Corby"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Corby should be removed as a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The present application and Corby were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Planalytics, Inc. On its face Corby is assigned to Strategic Weather Services, Inc. However, on March 28, 2000, Strategic Weather Services, Inc. changed its name to Planalytics, Inc. Attached to this pleading is a copy of the Articles of Amendment-Domestic Business Corporation that effected the change in name. (*See*, 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), M.P.E.P. § 706.02(l)(1), and M.P.E.P. § 706.02(l)(2)(II).)

Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn for claims 1-6 and that these claims be passed to allowance.

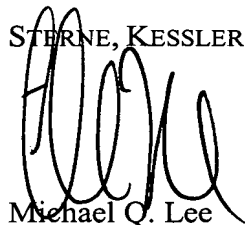
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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